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- 1. No paper is produced in Albania and large quantities are imported. The following are some examples which illustrate the paper shortage:
  - Strict economy regarding paper is enforced in all government offices. Government departments are permitted to have a small quantity of letterhead paper for special correspondence, but most correspondence is done on various pieces of paper which may be available.
  - Newspapers make frequent requests for additional supplies of rolls of newsprint.
  - The public uses all kinds of paper for private correspondence, often making there own envelopes. The variety of paper used in correspondence is so great that good quality foreign paper would attract attention. The small stocks of good quality writing paper, which are available, are quite expensive.
- 2. Paper is imported from the following countries:
  - Carbon paper and cigarette paper from Czechoslovakia. Prior to 1952 these types were imported from East Germany.
  - Wrapping paper from Rumania and East Germany.
  - Paper for official and private correspondence from East Germany, Rumania, and some from the Soviet Union
  - Poster paper from Rumania and the Soviet Union.
  - Newsprint from Rumania.
- 3. Special arrangements have been made with the Soviet Union to acquire paper for the Albanian editions of Stalin's works which are now being published. These arrangements are under the direction of Nexhmije Hoxha.

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- 4. The following are the principal publications:
  - a. Daily
    - 1. Zeri i Popullit (The Voice of the People)
    - 2. Bashkimi (Unity)
  - b. Weekly
    - 1. Osteni, a humorous publication
    - 2. Rinija (Youth), the publication of the Youth Organization
    - 3. Puna (Work), the publication of the labor groups
    - 4. Luftetari (The Warrior), for the Armed Forces
    - 5. <u>Pioneri</u> (The Pioneer), a social and political publication intended mostly for the youth.
    - 6. Sporti (Sports)
  - c. Monthly
    - 1. Gruaja (The Women), the publication of the Women's Organization
    - 2. Fshatari (The Villager)
    - 3. Shqiperija e Re (New Albania), which gives cultural and political news
    - 4. Shqiperi-BRSS, the publication of Lidhja Kulturale Shqiperija-BRSS (The Albanian-Russian Cultural League)
    - 5. 10 Korriku (10 July), a publication for the Armed Forces. It deals with military life, especially in the Soviet Union.
    - 6. <u>Ylli i Kuq</u> (The Red Star), a publication which deals largely with life in the Soviet Union. It devotes two pages to unfavorable comments about life in the capitalist countries.

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